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USMMA Holds Commencement Exercise

The United States Merchant Marine Academy held its 69th Commencement Exercise on June 20. During the event, 222 midshipmen received Bachelor of Science degrees. Of the graduating class, 112 received third mate licenses and 110 received third engineer licenses. Commencement marks the end of a demanding academic and regimental training process for the class of 2005.

The Academy falls under the umbrella of the U.S. Maritime Administration.

As part of its four-year study, each midshipman, in addition to classroom studies, has spent a year at sea in a work-study program aboard various U.S.-flag merchant vessels. These young men and women also have participated in humanitarian efforts.

At home, following the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on 9/11, several midshipmen participated in a nine-day relief mission, in which they operated a fleet of the Academy's small craft in New York harbor. They transported firefighters, police officers, medical personnel and tons of food, water, and medical supplies from locations in Brooklyn, Staten Island, and New Jersey to the "Ground Zero" area.

Other midshipmen participated in sea training assignments on U.S.-flag merchant ships in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

We extend congratulations to the Class of 2005 and wish each success in future endeavors.

Latest on ISPS Compliance

According to an advisory, the U.S. Coast Guard has made a determination that seven countries were not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures. Of the seven countries noted, two countries -- Albania and Madagascar -- have adequately reported the required information to the International Maritime

Organization, and the Coast Guard has suspended its determination that those countries are not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures, pending confirmation of the implementation of the ISPS Code through a visit by the Coast Guard International Port Security Program.

According to the advisory, vessels arriving from ports of Dem. Rep. of Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Nauru, and Liberia (excluding the port of Monrovia in Liberia) will be subject to increased action upon arrival at a U.S. port.

MARAD Highlights Its Customer— Yowell International

Yowell International of Melbourne, FL, is well known as a proponent of utilizing U.S.-flag vessels and is a supportive partner to the industry. They provide freight forwarding and international shipping services, in addition to specializing in the movement of over-dimensional cargo for its clients. The company is proactive in pursuing the use of U.S.-flag vessels and U.S.-carrier services by its clients.

Yowell always takes the extra steps to assist their clients and carriers ensuring shipments on U.S.-flag vessels between ports throughout the world. Additionally, they educate their clients on the benefits of using U.S.-flag vessels and on any cargo preference requirements.

Yowell also specializes in common/contract carriers operating in 48 states using air tractor trailers, including bullring/e-track vans, step-decks, double drops, climate controlled trailers, stretch trailers, removable gooseneck low boys and radio frequency-shielded vans.

Yowell International's involvement with the maritime industry resulted in them being honored as one of this year's recipient of the Merchant Marine Shipper Award.

USDA Makes Humanitarian Food Relief Available for Africa

Hunger is no stranger to families living in less developed countries. In fact, it is a way of life. Hunger is an adversary that must be destroyed in order that lives may be sustained. Many in this state have lost any hope of being helped. (To an oppressed people, whether it is hunger or famine, the result remains the same, namely death occurs if it goes unchecked.) Helping those who suffer and preventing the senseless deaths of millions of people in Africa is a central commitment of the Bush Administration's Hunger Initiative.

USDA has extended its hand to some African countries to ensure this type of suffering is minimized. At the U.S.-Africa Business Summit of the Corporate Council earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced its intention to release up to 500,000 metric tons of wheat to address the emergency food situation in Africa—especially in Ethiopia and Eritrea. The shipment, which will be distributed from the Emerson Trust's P.L. 480 Title II account, will include vegetable oil, pulses and corn soy blend; and should feed 14.2 million people in the aforementioned countries.

The Emerson Trust P.L. 480 Title II is administered by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

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